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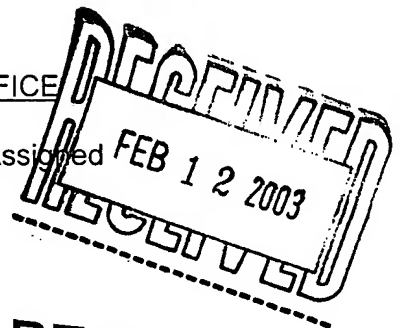


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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G.J. Grabauskas et al.)
Serial No.: 10/039,807)
Filed: October 19, 2001)
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PROGRAM FOR DISCOVERING)
DEVICES COMMUNICATING)
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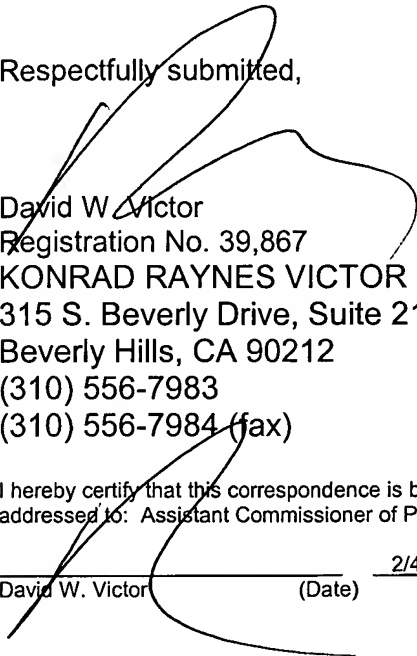
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